



Program Summary

Malawi's program is focused on improving the legislative and judicial branches, providing support for lead anti-corruption agencies, strengthening independent media coverage and expanding and intensifying the work of civil society organizations.

Program Highlights

- On December 12, 2007, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) chose Malawi as compact eligible for fiscal year 2008.
- Malawi's National Assembly passed an anti-money laundering bill in August 2006, defining penalties for engaging in the activity and paving the way for the creation of a Financial Intelligence Unit. Between October and December 2007, the Financial Intelligence Unit began processing three suspicious transaction reports and received three additional cases for analysis.
- The Director of the Anti-Corruption Bureau was confirmed by Parliament on November 13, 2007. The Anti-Corruption Bureau can now pursue some of the high-profile corruption cases that have been on hold in anticipation of this official appointment.
- MCC support for the operation of Malawi's National Assembly led to all 13 standing committees convening for the first time in the Assembly's history. The ability of these committees to exert effective parliamentary oversight is critical to executive branch accountability and the sustainability of anti-corruption efforts.
- 45 journalists were trained on investigative reporting techniques, resulting in numerous stories exposing government waste and corruption.
- The Threshold Program sponsored a sovereign credit rating for Malawi, which was upgraded from CCC+ to B-. A higher sovereign credit rating indicates improved financial transparency and practices, which increases a country's prospects for foreign direct investment.

Threshold Status

Status.....Implementation, Year 2

Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$20.92 million

Agreement Signed..September 23, 2005

Country Information

Population.....12,883,935*

GNI Per Capita Income.....\$160*